Banned Books List: Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2016

Out of 323 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom.

BOOK COVER

TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION

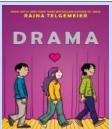


THIS ONE SUMMER

Author: Mairko Tamaki Call Number: YA F TAMAKI

Reasons: challenged because it includes LGBT characters, drug use and profanity, and it was

considered sexually explicit with mature themes



DRAMA

Author: Raina Telgemeier

Call Number: GN J TELGEMEIER

Reasons: challenged because it includes LGBT characters, was deemed sexually explicit, and was

considered to have an offensive political viewpoint.



GEORGE

Author: Alex Gino
Call Number: J GINO

Reasons: challenged because it includes a transgender child, and the "sexuality was not

appropriate at elementary levels"

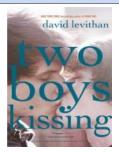


I AM JAZZ

Author: Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings

Call Number: J 306.768 HER

This autobiographical picture book co-written by the 13-year-old protagonist was challenged because it addresses gender identity.



TWO BOYS KISSING

Author: David Levithan

Call Number: University Holdings

Reasons: challenged because its cover has an image of two boys kissing, and it was considered to

include sexually explicit LGBT content



LOOKING FOR ALASKA

Author: John Green

Call Number: YA F GREEN

Reasons: challenged for a sexually explicit scene that may lead a student to "sexual

experimentation"

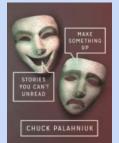


BIG HARD SEX CRIMINALS

Author: Matt Fraction

Call Number: eBook on Hoopla

Reason: challenged because it was considered sexually explicit

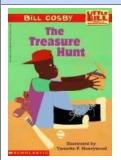


MAKE SOMETHING UP: STORIES YOU CAN'T UNREAD

Author: Chuck Palahniuk
Call Number: F PALAHNIUK

Reasons: challenged for profanity, sexual explicitness, and being "disgusting and all around

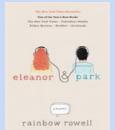
offensive"



LITTLE BILL SERIES

Author: Bill Coosby Call Number: E COSBY

Reason: challenged because of criminal sexual allegations against the author



ELEANOR & PARK

Author: Rainbow Rowell
Call Number: YA F ROWELL

Reason: challenged for offensive language